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Executive Interference in Elections.

rebuked by Gov. Jones.

The contest in Illinois between

Democratic and the black republican Lincoln,

progress with increased spirit and

enthusiasm. Douglas is making the greatest

struggle of his life, and there would be no

doubt of his triumph were it not for the in-

terference of President Buchanan and

his office holders, who are doing all they can

to secure the success of the abolition republi-

can candidate. This interference, although

well at some quarters, especially in the

South, by democratic leaders and organs in

the service of the President, or hungrily

awaiting the falling crumbs from his table, is

making a deep impression upon the minds of

honest, reflecting democrats, who feel the im-

portance of keeping the ballot box free from

the centralizing influence and domination of

the Federal Administration. An indication

of this is seen in the speech of Gov. Jones at

Springfield, Ill., a sketch of which we give

in the *Memphis Appeal*. We make an extract in

part:

"While in the controversy between the

President and Mr. Douglas, he and they might

have no particular interest, yet there was

in this contest, as in this controversy, which

which, as being one of the fundamental doc-

trines of the old Whig party, they should

not show their backs to the sustaining Mr.

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For the Daily Patriot.

An Irish Tour.

With all its boasted pleasures, travel but

begs a large family of small annoyances

that clog the progress and dispel the comfort

of the luckless tourist. It rained young Ni-

spurs just as we were crossing the prairie

for my contemplated journey—but my

restless disposition could brook no delay. I

planned for recreation—for a remission of those

duties that are expected of a foreigner on a

visit to his friends—namely, the duty of call-

ing on two or three of them every

twenty-four hours. I had almost won the

soul of my body in these affectionate

visits, while the role of my "social organ" was

fast wearing to an ethereal thinness. Could

I be expected to sacrifice my health, even for

a cause? Methinks I hear my dilapida-

ted boots echo a mournful, creaking "No!"

I took the north-western train from Lon-

dun via Liverpool, en route for Dublin and the

Lakes of Killarney. Not only was I com-

pelled to fight my way through solid phalan-

xes of the booking offices, before I could get

to my ticket, but also was forced to consent

to the unpleasant necessity of allowing my

diminutive proportions to fill a very small

vacancy on a back seat in the carriage or else

occupy a seat on the floor without a cushion.

So much for John Bull's accommodations. —

Then, one has to encounter so many strange,

inquiries in a crowded carriage, only six

feet square, and the performance of an Op-

era, even in the intervals between the pieces.

In Dublin it is quite the reverse—the yells

from the galleries were deafening—rhyth-

mic and shouts of laughter, glees and can-

zonas which the whole range of upper-box-

es would participate, such as "Pop goes the

Weasel," and "We won't go home till to-mor-

row!" But when the curtain rose a death-like

stillness fell upon the audience, and I

will not attempt to describe Picolesini.

She is coming to America, and you will be

enabled to judge of her merits personally.

The great Prefate, Cardinal Wiseman, who

is on a visit to this priest-ridden island, is

creating quite a furore among the zealous Cath-

olics. Speaking of Catholicism, I attended

mass at the Cathedral on Last Sunday. In

mouth was so wide open that I doubted the

possibility of its ever having been closed. It

looked for all the world as if it had been

fastened to a door-knob, so perfect was its cir-

cular appearance. To my great annoyance,

the child's head was so completely jammed

between two elderly females that he could

look no other direction than directly at me.

The steady state of those large, round eyes

for seven hours, was harrowing to think about.

He was so full of curiosity that he kept

turning to make him look off, but the grimace

he made to increase his astonishment, and

he stared the more. I pulled my hat down

over my face in despair; I had done every-

thing in my power to frighten him; I had

given him a grin that would doubtless hurt

him to the last hour of his existence. I en-

deavored to sleep and forgot his presence,

when some one tapped my shoulder, and I

turned to behold a still young girl, with

her hair and dress of a different color from

was acquainted, and he recognized me in the

car. I had formed his acquaintance in a cof-

fee-room in Chesapeake, where I occasionally

took my cup of coffee, and looked over the

morning papers. His name was Southern—an

ancient fossil of the genius literary—long,

gaunt and meagre-looking, with head a beau-

tiful iron grey, closely shaved and coco-nut

shaped, and, in all probability, of tropical

origin, but he was so full of intellect, by way

of appearing intellectually interesting, that

the creature had cultivated upon his upper

lip a huge moustache, resembling, in external

appearance, the color and flexibility of an

old tooth-still more to the ludicrous aspect

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